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REGISTER NOW FOR NER CONSULTANT DAY MARCH 31

The Federation of Environmental Technologists (FET) has posted the agenda and registration form for the RR Program's Northeast Region consultant day seminar. This event will be March 31st at Liberty Hall, 800 Eisenhower Drive in Kimberly, starting with registration from 8:00 to 8:30. The registration fee is \$90 (\$60 for Commerce and DNR staff) and includes lunch. Speakers include representatives from both DNR and the Department of Commerce. Topics include common problems with case closures and the GIS registry, building on abandoned landfills, DNR's April 2003 chlorinated solvent guidance, hazardous waste determinations, when is a site a site, spills update, DNR & Commerce brownfields update, DNR & Commerce petroleum tank update and the financial state of PECFA. The registration information is on the web at www.fetinc.org/3-31-04NERConsultantsDay.pdf.

DON'T FORGET TO COPY DNR ON CERTAIN SUBMITTALS TO COMMERCE

Some consultants are still forgetting to send information to DNR project managers when fiscal issues arise at PECFA sites that are under DNR jurisdiction. The problem usually arises when a high-risk site that is being managed by DNR needs a financial decision. For example, if the consultant is asking Commerce to approve an exceedence of the \$40,000 cap for completing a site investigation, the Commerce reviewer will consult with the DNR project manager about the work that needs to be done in order to complete the investigation. When the DNR reviewer has not received a copy of the request from the consultant, the Commerce reviewer is forced to wait. This delay could easily be avoided if consultants send DNR staff a copy of the documents requesting the exceedence at the same time that they send the request to Commerce.

CONSULTANTS LIST UPDATE

It's time again for consultants to review and update their information on our "Environmental Services Providers List", publication RR-024. This "name, address & phone number" listing is intended to help responsible parties locate consultants that do environmental investigation and cleanup in different parts of Wisconsin. It is not an endorsement or certification of those on the list. Publication RR-024 is on our web site at

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR024.pdf. Consultants may contact Megan Clemens at Megan.Clemens@dnr.state.wi.us or at 608-261-4391 to add or amend their business entry on the list.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB?

We use the "What's New?" link on our main web page to inform users of recent events, new publications, and other updates regarding the Remediation and Redevelopment Program. Our "What's New?" link is located under "Quick Links" on the right hand navigation sidebar - www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/index.htm. For example, current "What's New?" announcements include two new fact sheets (Mechanical and Chemical/Biological Spill Response Methods, Smear Zone Contamination), a new staff assignment list for South Central Region, background on Wisconsin's \$4 million "Ready for ReUse" Initiative, and the December 2003 issue of Re News, our quarterly printed newsletter. Re News articles include brownfields Site Assessment Grant applications, ranking of contaminated sites, what's missing in site investigation and closure reports and features on a Green Bay dry cleaner and spill prevention.

GREEN SPACE GRANTS

The December issue of Re News says that DNR's Green Space and Public Facilities Grants have been awarded and that a list of recipients can be found on our web site. However, we've had some delays and the recipients are not listed at this time. Please watch the web for updates. If you have questions about these grants you may contact Michael Prager at 608-261-4927.

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